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TITLE OF INVENTION

A WATERPROOF FOOTWEAR

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4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
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6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
8. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
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 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
11. ☒ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

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13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
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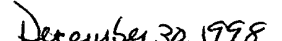
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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent
Application:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States concerning a
Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (2 pages);
2. Certificate of Mailing By "Express Mail" (1 page);
3. Abstract and Specification (11 pages, 12 claims);
4. Formal Drawings (2 sheets);
5. Copy of the International Search Report (2 pages);
6. Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report;
7. Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
8. Information Disclosure Citation (3 pages);
9. References (12).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS
REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16
AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE
PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.
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Respectfully submitted,



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